

# March Comes in Like a Lion

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## Just a Bit of Water





When I was weaker I couldn't  
stop thinking about things.

so I slept

And I just kept sleeping—



The whole time, I had been thinking  
only of thinking with Grace.

But then, I came  
and I thought, not much  
more left to be done.

After a while, I began to  
sleep, and I was going to

and think sleep was a surprise.

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The next day, almost crawling, I finally got to the nearby convenience store.

It was over half a day before I could get up.

I have dim memories of slowly licking Pocky with a bit of salt a little at a time.



I'm an idiot.



I'm even bad at being depressed.

There  
are many  
different  
kinds of  
jobs in the  
world, like  
these:

DRIVERS,  
COOKING  
STAFF...

WALKING  
TAXI...

BOOK  
SELLER...

WALK-  
KITT-  
JOB...

WALK-  
KITT-  
JOB...

WALK-  
KITT-  
JOB...

AND UNTIL  
THEN, IN  
ORDER TO  
EARN MONEY  
TO PAY MY  
RENT...

IT'S STILL  
TWO YEARS  
UNTIL I  
GRADUATE  
HIGH  
SCHOOL...

—YEAH—

THAT'S  
RIGHT...

—But  
pretty  
much  
all of  
them...

YEAH,  
IT LOOKS  
LIKE

ALL I CAN  
DO IS KEEP  
PLAYING  
SHOGI.



It started right off the bat with physical.

LET'S GO!

CHAMPION TEAM, OVER HERE!

YEAH!

—It's what I thought when I called for school.

And on top of that, it was basketball!



in order to be able to choose my own path

Somewhere, I've at least got to go to school...

I've got a lot of matches. I could be in trouble with absences



So do I... pass it to someone? Or something?

The goal is way over there

Um, what do I do?



—Wait, huh? The ball's coming towards me?

Wait, I guess I'll just run and try not to draw attention to myself.

Wh... Where am I supposed to go?

That's how it looked to me.







WHAT  
DO I  
DO?

I KIND  
OF...

DON'T  
KNOW  
ANY  
MORE...

Am I really  
"not running  
away" now?

I WANTED  
TO HAVE  
THE  
MEMORY

OF "NOT  
RUNNING  
AWAY"

What part  
I'm doing is  
"pretending not  
to run away"?



I THOUGHT  
IT WOULD  
BECOME  
SOMETHING  
I WOULD  
FINALLY BE  
ABLE TO  
DO RIGHT

DIFFERENT  
FROM HOW  
I IMAGINED  
HIGH  
SCHOOL

THIS IS  
KINDA  
DIFFER-  
ENT

And if  
I became  
an adult,

then that would  
make me an adult.

I thought that if I felt lonely,

I'd represent and make my own living.

I thought

I wouldn't need to cry

anymore—





WHAT  
YOU  
SHOULD  
KNOW  
ABOUT

GOING  
BACK TO  
YOUR  
MASTER,  
KODAK-  
SAYS  
HOUSE  
AGAIN?



SO YOU'RE  
ONE OF THOSE  
PEOPLE WHO  
EATS COLD  
THINGS WHEN  
YOU'RE  
OVERHEATED.

1. *Chlorophyll a*  
 2. *Chlorophyll b*  
 3. *Chlorophyll c*  
 4. *Chlorophyll d*  
 5. *Chlorophyll e*  
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ISN'T THAT  
BAD FOR YOU?  
GET SOMETHING  
BETTER



WHAT  
HAPPENED  
AT THE SHIM-  
SU CHAMP-  
IONSHIP WAS  
TOO BAD.  
I SAW IT  
ON TV.

THEY  
SPEND  
5TH GRADE  
REALLY BE  
NEEDED



IT'S  
TOO  
MUCH  
FOR A  
17-YEAR-  
OLD.

**YOU'RE  
GOING TO GO  
OVER YOUR  
BUDGET.**

AND YOU'RE  
ALSO MAKING  
YOUR OWN  
FOOD, COOKING  
YOUR OWN  
LAUNDRY, AND  
THE OTHER  
THINGS  
AROUND  
YOU

YOU'VE  
GOT BANG-  
BANGING AND  
FOUR-ARMED  
GODS ON ALL  
YOUR LIPS.  
WOLFGANG  
PETERSON.  
NOT THAT  
ANYTHING



WE'RE THE  
SAME AGE.

SO IT  
WASN'T  
ME.

HOW COULD  
I KNOW A LOT  
ABOUT HIM.

IT'S  
AMAZING HOW  
RECENTLY HE'S  
PRESUMABLY  
BEEN A  
CONTENDER  
IN TITLE  
MATCHES.

I WAS IN THE  
SAME CLASS AS  
SOHYA WELSH,  
BUT HE NEVER  
STOOD OUT  
TO ME.

BUT HE  
WAS TRULY  
PERSISTENT  
AND MADE IT UP  
TO A-CLASS. HE'S  
THE PICTURE OF  
"HARD WORK",  
THAT MAN.

ONE LIKE  
SHIMADA 8TH  
DAN'S STUDY  
GROUP.

THEN  
WHY DON'T  
YOU TRY  
JOINING ONE?

BUT I—

WHICH  
REMAINS AS  
I'D HEARD THAT  
REARDOU 4TH  
DAN IS IN IT.

BUT...

ALSO, SHIMADA  
8TH DAN IS BOTH  
PERSUASIVE AND  
PASSIONATE.  
HE OPENS STUDY  
GROUPS AND  
STUDIES WITH  
YOUNGER  
PLAYERS.

THAT  
REMAINS  
ME—

THEY SAY  
YOU CAN  
LEARN A LOT  
FROM AN  
OPPONENT  
THAT  
DEFEATED  
YOU, RIGHT?

WHY? IT'D  
BE SUCH  
A WASTE  
NOT TO.

NO.  
WITH  
THOSE  
SORTS OF  
THINGS, I...

HAVE YOU  
EVER DONE  
THAT? JOIN  
A STUDY  
GROUP?

BUT...

THERE  
ARE NO  
DOORS LIKE  
THAT!!

IT'D BE  
GREAT IF  
ASSEMBLING  
A HUNDRED  
"BUTS" WOULD  
MAKE A DOOR  
OPEN, BUT TO  
BE PERFECTLY  
HONEST,

BUT,

NO BUTS—

ALL THAT'S  
BEEN COMING  
OUT OF YOUR  
MOUTH IS  
"BUT, BUT  
BUT"!!

GAAAAAH  
GEEZ!



YOU SAID YOU  
WERE GONNA  
INVITE HIM TO  
OUR STUDY GROUP  
THIS AFTERNOON,  
DIDN'T YOU?

WHY CAN'T  
YOU CALL  
KIRYAMAS-SAN  
DIRECTLY?

HEY,  
ANGA!



